

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

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**Notice of Intent to use Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in Lieu of Negative
Declaration for the San Antonio Creek Restoration**

In lieu of preparing its own Negative Declaration, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Water Board), acting as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), intends to use the FONSI, prepared by the United States Air Force (USAF), for a project to restore a section of San Antonio Creek located between Highway 1 and the El Rancho Lateral Road-Lompoc Casmalia Road Intersection, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Santa Barbara County, California. The proposed project would remediate extensive damage to the banks and stream channel of San Antonio Creek, restore hydrologic function, enhance stream stability, minimize potential for further erosion, and begin to return channel morphology to a proper functioning condition. The restoration would entail constructing in-stream rock riffle grade controls at seven sites and bioengineering bank stabilization at three sites within San Antonio Creek, between U.S. Highway 1 and the Lee Road Utility Bridge.

Under CEQA, state agencies are encouraged to use a FONSI prepared pursuant to NEPA rather than preparing a new CEQA document, when the FONSI, prepared before a Negative Declaration or EIR, would otherwise be completed for the project; and the FONSI complies with CEQA Guidelines. The USAF prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the San Antonio Creek Restoration to evaluate the potential for adverse environmental effect. The USAF proposes the project, as described, would not result in significant impact to the environment. After providing public notice on June 27, 2008, the public notice period closed on July 26, 2008. The USAF proposes to adopt a FONSI for the Proposed Action. To comply with the CEQA notice requirements the EA and FONSI will be available for a 30-day public review and comment period from July 31, 2008 through August 31, 2008. The EA and FONSI include a description of the Proposed Action and evaluate potential for adverse environmental impact. The EA concludes the Proposed Action would have no significant impacts to the environment.

Digital versions of the EA and FONSI will be available at the Water Board website, <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb3/>. Printed copies of the documents will be available at Lompoc, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara, and University of California Santa Barbara public libraries, and the VAFB Library. Comments may be submitted to the Project Assistant by email at Lcremer@waterboards.ca.gov or by mail to:

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Pertinent and reasonable comment submitted during the 30-day review period will be considered.

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